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LEGISLATIVE REFERRAL MEMORANDUM

To: Legislative Liaison Officer
Department of Justice
Central Intelligence Agency
Department of Defense
Department of the Treasury

Subject: H.R. 10869 (Annual Report on International
Production and Trade in Narcotic Drugs)

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the proposed
report of Department of State on H.R. 10869.

The Office of Management and Budget would appreciate
receiving a copy of your agency's proposed report on
this bill by Friday, November 19.

Any questions should be referred to Herb Murphy, code
103, (exten. 4614) or to Jim Stimpson, code 103,
(exten. 3736), the legislative analyst in this office.

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Honorable Harley O. Staggers
Chairman, Committee on Interstate
and Foreign Commerce
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Secretary Rogers has asked me to respond to your letter of September 28, 1971 which enclosed a copy of H.R. 10869. The Department of State has reviewed the bill as you requested. We have no objection to the objectives which H.R. 10869 addresses or with the general mechanics proposed for carrying out the tasks of preparing the annual report. The Secretary of State is Chairman of the Cabinet Council on Narcotics, and the furnishing of an annual report would fall within his sphere of competence.

We would offer the following specific comments.

1. As presently drafted H.R. 10869 requires a report for "each country in the world". This is a monumental task and the use of manpower for such an effort will divert resources from planning, carrying out, and evaluating the government's action programs to deal with international narcotics trafficking. We believe that the proposed annual report should concentrate on the major narcotic producing, trafficking, and consuming nations with a summary section devoted to other nations.

2. While we are willing to develop and present data on narcotic drugs entering the United States and reaching members of the United States armed forces overseas, it must be realized that this data will be only a

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gross approximation in most instances. It will be particularly difficult, if not impossible, to break the drug flow down by "country of origin" as required in section 104 (6). Not only is the precise intelligence information lacking, but the movement of narcotics in different forms through many different countries makes it extremely difficult to assign country of origin designations.

The Office of Management and Budget advises that from the standpoint of the Administration's program there is no objection to the submission of this report.

Sincerely yours,

David M. Abshire
Assistant Secretary for
Congressional Relations